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RESPONSE

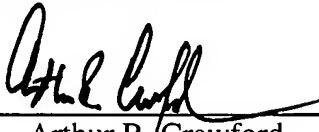
Responsive to the Official Action of February 3, 2006 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 1-9, Group I, directed to a process. This response is made without traverse.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

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